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**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin  
**Sent:** Wed 3/26/2014 1:27:15 PM  
**Subject:** RE: BP Whiting Oil Spill

Thanks again for sharing the contacts. I reached out to each office yesterday and also shared the press release.

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**From:** Johnson, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Johnson@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:44 AM  
**To:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin  
**Cc:** Lopez, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: BP Whiting Oil Spill

Good morning – thank you for the call this morning, it's appreciated. Please keep us posted as to any new developments.

I'd be happy to help you with some contacts. Here are some suggestions for each community to get you started:

Whiting: Mayor Joseph Stahura

The number for the Mayor's Office is 219-659-7700 and his assistant is Kathy. She should be able to help point you to the appropriate person in the city with whom to coordinate.

Hammond: Mark McLaughlin, Mayor McDermott's Chief of Staff

· I have an email for Mark McLaughlin, I might recommend reaching out to him to coordinate: [mclaughlinm@gohammond.com](mailto:mclaughlinm@gohammond.com)

· Also, maybe Hammond Port Authority? Milan Kruszyski is the Director: [KruszynskiM@HammondMarina.com](mailto:KruszynskiM@HammondMarina.com)

Gary: Joi Whiteside

· Mayor Freeman-Wilson is pretty hands on – I'm not certain if this might fall under her Chief of Staff (Richard Leverett) or her Communications Director (Chelsea Whittington). I'd maybe reach out to Joi to see: 219-881-1302 or [jwhiteside@CI.GARY.IN.US](mailto:jwhiteside@CI.GARY.IN.US)

Mark is quicker at the ol' email than I am, so I apologize for the duplication. Please let me know if you need additional information

**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin [<mailto:beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:43 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Elizabeth  
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Just making sure you're checking voicemail. I've left you a message with what I know thus far, and will keep you up-to-speed.

I'd like to also reach out to the local communities – Whiting, of course, but also Gary, Hammond, etc. If you have contact info or suggestions, it'd save me a bunch of Googling and be really appreciated. I want to make sure the communities know they can contact me with any questions and that I have a way of sharing info with them.

I'm trying to see if I can organize a phone briefing for elected officials and staff for later today.

Of course, the containment and cleanup are most important – but if things are under control, I'd like to put a call together.

If you have any ideas for how we can better communicate, please let me know.

THANKS!

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